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Newly submitted claim 51 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claim 51 is directed to a non-elected species, Species 4, FIG. 11.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention (Species 2, FIG. 9), this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 51 and dependents thereof, claims 1, 4-10, 13, 15, 19, 31-32, 35, 37-39 and 48-50) are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Since all pending claims are withdrawn, the response filed 11/10/2010 is non-responsive.

. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona-fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF TIME MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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